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MEMORANDUM FOR

*NSC REVIEW
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The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
✓ The Director of Central Intelligence
The Director, Arms Control and
Disarmament Agency
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Safeguard Steering Committee

It is essential that, in defending the President's ABM program this year, the Government have a carefully developed rationale, which is thoroughly understood and uniformly employed by all agencies and officials.


To that end, the President has directed the establishment of a Safeguard Steering Committee under NSC chairmanship to:

-- oversee the preparation of an agreed rationale for the decision, including answers to likely questions and criticisms;

-- review major statements on the ABM program to insure that they are consistent with the agreed rationale.

So that those who will bear the major immediate responsibility for explaining the program to Congress and the public are fully involved in the preparation of the rationale, each agency (with the exception of CIA) will have two representatives, one who is chiefly concerned with policy and one with public or legislative relations.

Please let me know the names of your representatives as soon as possible.


Henry A. Kissinger

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